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Direct Works Assistant Foreman

Joined The Parks Trust: 2015

What do you do?

I assist in the day to day running of the Direct Works teams. This involves making sure the teams have work set up for them, making sure all the machinery and vehicles are working as they should, responding to emails, and coding invoices, as well as sorting through timesheets of the people in Direct Works.

I am also a supervisor on one of the infrastructure and maintenance teams, so I go out on site and help with any hard landscaping such as putting in benches or bridges or doing any maintenance that is required within our parks.

What did you do when you left school?

When I left school I went to college and completed a Level 2 NVQ in automotive repair.

Describe your career journey so far.

I first joined the Parks Trust as a seasonal ranger at Willen Lake on a 6 month contract. When my contract ended I was given the opportunity to go for an interview as a Trainee Technician in Direct Works. After a while I was promoted to Technician.

When The Trust started up a new infrastructure and maintenance team, I applied to be a Supervisor. I got this post and then after a few years I was promoted to my current role as the Direct Works Assistant Foreman.

Why did you want to work for The Parks Trust?

Before I joined the Parks Trust I worked in central London, commuting between MK and London 6 days a week, and decided I wanted to have a new career path working outside and The Parks Trust seemed the perfect job for me.

What skills or qualities do you need to be successful in your role?

You need to have good communication skills, be punctual and reliable, you need to be good working in a team and taking information in.

My words of wisdom...

Although I left school a long time ago, I am now studying for a level 3 diploma in management and leadership. You are never too old to learn.

